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My dear Mr. Garrison.

53 I have just received
& read your criticism of
Eliot and Hayes, I need
not say, with entire sym-
pathy! It exactly expresses
the convictions I have had,
and expressed on every oc-
casion, public & private,
on which I could give them
abundance, since the repin-
ning of this wretched back-
track of the traders & poli-
ticians on the results of the
war, and the noble practi-

cal fidelity of President Grant. I hailed Phillips's great speech at Philadelphia with joy, & have on my mind to personally thank him for it.

Whether it is blindness or treachery, or a mixture of both, that so utterly ignores the duties of the nation to sustain just government, and the shamefully oppressed rights of the race we have exposed to all this barbarism, — may be hard to determine. One thing is plain to me. Stanley Matthews, Ingraham, Hayes and id one

re Jesus", have added a
new chapter to the old story
of concession & compromise
in the interest of White gain.
Black, which can no more
succeed than Fugitive Slave
Laws or Gibberden Comprom-
mise Bills, or other sacri-
fices of purity to party, of
man to self. Necessarily
repeating that the army in
the South has been "a failure"
is nothing but an evasion.
There has been no failure
because there has never been
anything but a petty demon-
stration by an Executive
who even for this has been
assailed by great sections

of public opinion; so that
even this inevitable amount
of ^{the} interference laid on his
conscience by the Constitution
itself has carried with it
no rational authority to the
minds of the Hamptons, Aicks-
ons, Batlers of the South.
The treatment of Chamberlain
has been simply brutal; and
the end will force the renegade
Republicans back into the
"Grant policy" they now throw
out of doors.

The reply of the Advertiser
to your letter seemed to me
without point and a palpa-
ble evasion of the gist of the
matter. We must wait till
this pack of the politicians

gets its quarters, as it will, ere long, from vulgar orthodoxy.